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Dear Sir. The U.S. Ship North Carolina is
going up the Mediterranean, and I should
wish to go in her. I have sent on a line from
Major Soule and B. F. [unclear] the Atto-
-ney General of the U.S. to the Secretary of
the Navy, and my friends advise me to
send other names. I would therefore
request you to say something like the
following

following
 One been with Oliver Smith under
 standing that the U. S. ship North Carolina
 is about to be sent to see him to go
 in her as a professor of mathematics; and
 we think him a ~~very~~ very suitable, her
 for that station. He is a good mathematician
 and understands several of the modern languages of Europe
 and a naturalist and would doubt
 less make additions to science by observa-
 tions and collections. He has made one
 voyage in the same capacity some years
 since under the command of Captain
 Bennett and met his approbation, and
 we think the young officer on board this ship
 might profit by his instructions not only in math

